



BUILDING SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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Residential Building Permits Required

PERMITS **ARE** REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PROJECTS:

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST.* PLEASE CONTACT BUILDING SAFETY WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR PROJECT.

Building Outside

- Decks over 30 inches above grade and/or attached to house
- Any deck with an attached roof
- Deck replacement (call Building Safety to verify)
- Patio covers, awnings (non-retractable)
- Carports
- Fences over 7'
- Retaining walls greater than 4' (measured from the bottom of the footing)
- Reroof (call Building Safety to verify)
- Residing (call Building Safety to verify)
- Additions/alterations (call Building Safety to verify)
- Attached and detached garages
- Accessory buildings larger than 200 sq'
- Patio enclosures & screened porches
- Foundation repairs (call Building Safety to verify)
- Demolition
- Storm/Fire damage (call Building Safety to verify)

Building Inside

- Remodeling and basement finishes (adding or removing walls, insulation, electrical, mechanical or plumbing)
- Replace egress windows or safety glazing
- Install new window or door in new opening.
- Install skylight
- Foundation repairs (call Building Safety to verify)

Electrical

- Underground electric
- Add/replace/repair electrical service
- Pools, spas, hot tubs and other similar installations
- Auxiliary wind, solar and photo voltaic power sources
- Replacement of light fixtures (call Building Safety to verify)
- Installation of light, heat or power (such as receptacles, electric baseboard.)
- Extension or modification of a branch circuit.
- A/C and furnace replacements.

Plumbing

- Water and waste lines for plumbing system
- Replacement of faucets, water closets, sinks (if new plumbing lines are installed) tankless water heaters, water heaters
- New lawn sprinkler systems
- Pools, spas, hot tubs and other similar installations
- New gas lines
- For more details on plumbing projects please go to our website under Informational Brochures under plumbing

Mechanical

- New bath fans
- Installation or replacement of boilers, water heater, furnaces and tankless water heaters, air conditioners, fireplaces
- Fire pits (call Rochester Fire Department #507-328-2800)

Residential Building Permits Not Required

PERMITS ARE **NOT REQUIRED** FOR THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PROJECTS:

Building Outside

- Decks less than 30 inches above grade and not attached to the house.
- Storage sheds 200 sq' or less
- Gazebos 200 sq' or less with no electrical, plumbing or mechanical
- Driveways, sidewalks and concrete patios
- Painting
- Repair or maintenance of existing fences
- Retaining walls under 4' (measured from the bottom of the footing)
- Residing and reroofing (call Building Safety to verify)
- Swing sets and playground equipment
- Minor non-structural roof repairs
- Window and door replacements/inserts (exception egress windows & safety glazing)
- Landscaping (exception for retaining walls over 4')
- Arbors and Pergolas that stand alone and without solid roofing

Building Inside

- Painting
- Wallpapering
- Trim work
- Floor covering
- Cabinets and countertops (electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits may be required)
- Replacing light fixtures
- Data and telephone wiring

Plumbing

- Removal and reinstallation or repair of existing water closets (toilets) or faucets
- The clearing of stoppages or repair of leaks in pipes or valves provided the repair does not involve replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes, or fixtures
- Repair or replacement of clothes washers, dishwashers or similar appliances not permanently connected to the plumbing system provided the work does not require alteration of any piping
- Installation or repair of an irrigation system downstream of the backflow preventer

*Please note that Planning Department approval MAY be required for projects constructed on your property. Contact the Planning Department (507)328-7100 before you proceed with any exterior alteration.

This is not a complete list of all types of projects. Please contact Building Safety at 507-328-2600 with any questions regarding your building project or go to our website www.rochestermn.gov/departments/bldgsafety under the Informational Brochures section for more information.